RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: These are diseases which have been prevalent even when there was no famine.

Commandeering of Vallums.

209. ***MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR** (*Karunagapalli cum Karikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have laid down any definite principles in regard to the commandeering of Vallums for the transport of food grains from Cochin Harbour;

(*b*) whether there is any rule regarding the proportion of vallums to be commandeered out of the vallums owned by a single individual; and

(*c*) whether the Government are aware that great inconvenience and loss are caused to the commerce and industry of the State due to the want of any definite principles in commandeering vallums?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: (*a*) Yes; vallums of 8 tons and below are not commandeered.

(*b*) There is no hard and fast rule, except that when more vallums than one are owned by an individual, all his vallums will not be commandeered.

(*c*) No. Every endeavour is being made to avoid such loss or inconvenience.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: വടക്കും അതിൽ കാവു കേവുമാരുള്ള വള്ളം കമാൻഡിയർ ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ളതായി ഗവർമെൻറിന്റെ ശ്രദ്ധയിൽ പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: അങ്ങിനെ പാടില്ലാ എന്ന ഉത്തരവുണ്ട്.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: അങ്ങനെ ഉത്തരവു കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടെങ്കിലും കമാൻഡിയർ ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ളതായി ഗവണ്മെൻറിന്റെ ദൃഷ്ടിയിൽ പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: ഇല്ല.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: അങ്ങനെ കമാൻഡിയർ ചെയ്ത വള്ളങ്ങൾ തിരിച്ചു കൊണ്ടുവന്നു പെനാൽട്ടി ചെയ്തുകൊണ്ട് ഉത്തരവു പുറപ്പെടുവിച്ചിട്ടില്ലേ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: അറിയാൻപാടില്ല.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: സ്റ്റോറിൽ ആകെ എത്ര വള്ളങ്ങളുണ്ട്?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: രണ്ടായിരത്തിൽ കൂടുതൽ ഉണ്ട്.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: ഇപ്പോൾ അതിൽ കമാൻഡിയർ ചെയ്ത വള്ളങ്ങൾ എത്രയുണ്ട്?

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MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR; ഏകദേശം 600 വള്ളങ്ങൾ കമാൻഡിയർ ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ട്.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: ഒന്നിലധികം വള്ളങ്ങൾ കമാൻഡിയർ ചെയ്തവരുടെ ഒരു ലിസ്റ്റ് സപ്ലൈ ആഫീസിൽ സൂക്ഷിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: സൂക്ഷിച്ചിരിക്കാം.

Commandeering of boats.

210. * MR. XAVIER VINCENT: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether most of the commandeered boats go back to Cochin or Alleppey empty;

(*b*) whether the Government have insisted that it should be so;

(*c*) whether exceptions are allowed to such rule and if so, why and on what conditions; and

(*d*) whether the Government are aware that commercial interests are jeopardised to a great extent by the rule that the commandeered boats should return empty to their destination?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: (*a*) & (*b*) No. To avoid delay some vallums are at times sent back to Cochin empty to help the expeditious clearance of food-stuffs from there.

(*c*) In view of the answer to parts (*a*) and (*b*), this does not arise.

(*d*) No.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU (*Karunagapalli cum Kartikapalli*): May I know from the honourable member whether the owners of the commandeered boats are held responsible for the misconduct of the boatmen?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: No, Sir.

MR. A. R. SULAIMAN SAIT (*Commerce and Industry—North*): May I know whether the Government are aware that the commandeering of these boats has affected the merchants who use private boats for taking their cargo to Cochin?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: The question does not arise, Sir When only certain boats are commandeered by Government, the question of private cargo does not arise at all. But so long as it does not conflict with the Government's policy, the District Magistrate on Special Duty sees that private cargo is also allowed to be transported in these vallums to the extent possible.

Central Food Advisory Council.

211. * SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA: With reference to the statement contained in the Memorandum (about increase in rice production) supplied to the recent meeting of the Central Food

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